

BISCAYNE GARDENS MAC MINUTES
October 21, 2004

Anne Cates, Estomene Dorcely, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Robert Kirschbaum, Michelle McCook,

Meeting called to order by Chair V. Everett. Minutes approved by R. Gordon, second by M. McCook. The first of several public hearings for the proposed incorporation of Biscayne Gardens has been rescheduled for 12/7/04. Notifications will be sent to property owners of the proposed city and resident living within 600 feet of its boundaries. Mr. Kirshbaum will inquire about notification being published in three languages, English, Spanish and Creole.

Presentations of services by Parks and Recreation and the Department of Environment Resources Management (DERM).

PARKS AND RECREATION – Dr. Falsey

Maintains approximately 250 parks and provides park and recreation services to over two million Miami-Dade County residents. Additionally, the department manages 15 County pools, more than 36 multi-court tennis centers and six full-service marinas that offer more than 979 wet slips to the boating public.

There are three parks located within the proposed boundaries of Biscayne Gardens, Oak Grove, Jeb Estates and the undeveloped Biscayne Gardens Park. Funds to improve Biscayne Gardens Park came from the Neighborhood Bond Program. Clearing should be complete within two years. Annual cost for maintenance and personnel excluding administrative cost for Oak Grove Park is \$208,000, Jeb Estates Park \$11,000 and Biscayne Gardens Park \$3,000.

Under the terms of conveyance, once the County turns over operation of a public park to a new municipality, all terms of Article 6 go with that park. It must remain a park and cannot be developed without a vote. Additionally, it must remain open to the public. The County is entitled to take back operation of a park if the municipality does not adhere to the terms of Article 6.

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES MGT. – Enrique Cuellar and Mike Gambino

DERM oversees Miami-Dade County's environment. They monitor ground and surface waters, and our air quality. The department issues environmental permits and inspects a variety of businesses in the county that have the potential to cause pollution. The Department evaluates construction plans for environmental impacts.

Once an area incorporates, service to the new municipality would not change. DERM would keep tree protection service for tree removal, unless the new municipality creates its own services. New city would also be required to protect the stormwater by preventing runoff.

The board is requesting a breakdown of the general cost to the residents of Biscayne Gardens for services.

Motion to adjourn by R. Gordon, second by V. Everett